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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:OCLP, PEPR, ET, US

SUBJECT: SPECIAL US EMISSARY TO ADDIS ABABA

1. THE PRESIDENT IS SENDING A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO ADDIS  
ABABA TO MEET WITH LT. COL. MENGISTU. WE REGARD THIS AS A

PRIVATE MISSION AND WILL TRY TO LIMIT PUBLICITY.

2. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED ON AN "IF ASKED ONLY" BASIS:

Q. IS THE USG SENDING A SPECIAL DELEGATION TO ETHIOPIA?

A. AS YOU KNOW, WE DO NOT AT PRESENT HAVE AN AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ABABA. SINCE WE ARE GOING THROUGH A RATHER DELICATE PERIOD IN OUR LONG AND VALUED FRIENDSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA, WE THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF THE DIALOGUE, BOTH TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN US POLICY TO THE ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE ETHIOPIA/SOMALIA CONFLICT, AND IN ORDER TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ETHIOPIAN VIEWS. THEREFORE, MR. DAVID AARON, DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, HAS BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO PAY A VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA, AND THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED. MR. AARON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM HARROP AND MR. PAUL HENZE OF THE NSC STAFF.  
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Q. DOES MR. AARON PLAN TO VISIT ANY OTHER POSTS IN THE REGION?

A. MR. AARON IS ON A SPECIAL MISSION TO ADDIS ABABA ONLY

3. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD DRAW ON PRESS GUIDANCE TO INFORM THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS IN CONFIDENCE OF MR. AARON'S MISSION.

4. FOR PARIS, LONDON, BONN AND OTTAWA: YOUR GOVERNMENTS WERE INFORMED OF THIS MISSION BY THE SECRETARY WHEN HE MET WITH THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE UN ON FEB. 11.

5. FOR NAIROBI: IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION, HARROP (AND POSSIBLY HENZE ALSO) INTENDS PROCEED NAIROBI FROM ADDIS, PROBABLY ARRIVING 1330 SUNDAY 19 FEB. VIA ET 787, AND REMAINING UNTIL TUESDAY. WOULD APPRECIATE CALLING UPON VICE PRESIDENT MOI AND/OR MINISTERS/OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE VISITING UNITED STATES. (FYI: WE EXPECT TOMORROW TO BE ABLE TO CONFIRM MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER FOR MARCH 1 OR 2 BUT YOU SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS UNTIL CONFIRMATION RECEIVED.) VANCE

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